

# The Police Corps Weekly

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## Oleoresin Capsicum Spray Day

By: Recruit Drobnick

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 started like any other morning for the nineteen recruits at the Wisconsin Police Corps Academy. Although, it wasn't long before you could sense the nerves in the air. Many of the recruits didn't talk about it; others shared their fears with fellow recruits; this was the day of the Oleoresin Capsicum Test, better known as pepper spray.

This was the day most of the recruits have

feared since they had entered the academy. Of course, Sergeant Hefti, the Defense and Arrest Tactics instructor, attempted to calm the recruits nerves, with little success.

The recruits gathered outside and received their bottle of inert training spray. After a few minutes of getting comfortable with spraying each other, it was time for the real thing.

All went as planned with the recruits getting

sprayed by a fellow recruit, delivering several knee strikes to a punching bag and then shooting a target twice, that was located approximately 25 yards away with a Simunition gun.

After all of the recruits were finished, they were taken over to much-needed water. Although healing time varied from recruit to recruit, all of the recruits were back to normal and ready for more training within an hour.

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## Team Building (Rock Climbing)

By: Recruit Jentzsch

The recruits really started to grow as a team during the rock climbing team building activity on Friday.

When the recruits got to the sandstone bluffs on base, they all learned that it's easier watching someone rock climb from the bottom, than it is actually doing it yourself. They found that they really needed to trust the other team members and

their gear because when you fall, your only safety net was that someone else was holding the line ensuring you weren't going to fall. The team exercise showed the recruits exactly how much we needed to rely on each other to get through the intense training and to prevail as a group. Making it through something on your own and leaving your team members behind at the same time was

no longer an option.

During all of the team building activities the recruits learned that they need to trust the others as much as the others need to trust and rely on them.

After a full day of these activities, the recruits have really started growing together as a unit.

# Law Enforcement Ethics

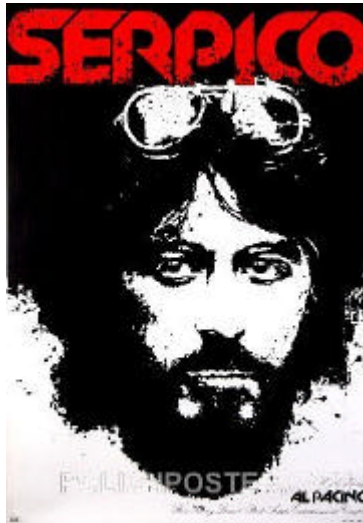
By: Recruit West

Most people believe that a police officer's job consists of just arresting the bad guy. However, as many of the Wisconsin Police Corps Recruits are learning there is more to community policing than just making arrests. The issues of ethics needs be addressed as the recruits enter into a profession where serving the community is paramount

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the recruits of the Police Corps attended a class on ethics, instructed by Lieutenant Dan Marcou. The beginning of class was spent on learning the differences between 1974 policing versus the 2003 style and tools of policing. The list included things such as body armor, change in firearms, and police philosophy just to name a few. The discussion then led to the goals and heroes of the recruits. Each of these lists added to the session by showing the class how maintaining good ethics is a necessity in becoming a successful police officer and a community leader.

Throughout the discussion Lieutenant Marcou stressed how

important it is to tell the truth and be an honest officer. Yet just telling a class something is not always effective and it was obvious that Lieutenant Marcou realized this, so during the ethics



Serpico, a case study on police ethics

session the movie "Serpico" was shown. Frank Serpico was a New York police officer that was faced with many ethical dilemmas. The dilemmas he faced covered a variety of different areas. Some of the situations seemed somewhat basic such as taking free food from restaurants. However, not all of the

situations he was put in were so simple. Serpico was also offered bribe money. He stood up for what was right even though it put his life in danger. Serpico and other officers like him brought a great change to law enforcement in New York. The law enforcement profession centers itself on ethics, good values, and morals.

Although most of the recruits probably won't have to face the same ethical decisions that Serpico faced, just seeing how another officer dealt with ethical issues helped the class realize that being an honest cop is and must be a realistic goal for all of them.

The Law Enforcement profession is by no means an easy way of life. The 3rd recruit class has begun to realize that they will run across many difficult decisions in the future. With the help of Lt. Marcou and the ethics classes that they are attending, all of the recruits are building confidence that they will make correct ethical decisions.

## Agency Spotlight

By: Recruit Glejf

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department is a very proactive department. With the UW-Madison student population in the area of 40,000 students, the UW Police



UW-Madison Police Department

Department is kept busy. With 56 sworn officers and 37 security officers, the UW Police Department has a vast staff to deal with every new call for service.

In addition to keeping tabs on the many calls for service, the Police Department also has to patrol areas that are owned by the

University but are off the immediate campus. These areas include the University Ridge Golf Course, the Arboretum, the Eagle Heights housing community, and the University Hospitals. The UW Police Department also plays a critical role in providing a safe atmosphere during all sporting events held at the UW campus, in particular the Badger football games.

# Night Shooting and Qualification

By: Recruit Staab

This week at the Wisconsin Police Corps outdoor shooting range the recruits fired their weapons under the stars during the class's first low light exercise. Lowlight firing is a bit different than firing during the daylight.

Most police shootings, approximately 80%, occur in low-light situations, so the recruits did a full-night of training in this realistic environment. The only available light during the recruit's low-light training was the light from the squad strobes and starlight. Three squad cars backlit the target with flashes of red and blue to make our training more realistic.

The low-light environment is much different from any naturally lighted environment. The recruits were taught a couple of different ways to utilize artificial light such as the squad car lights and flashlights.

The following day the class went



Night shooting has been the most challenging shooting environment thus far.

out to the range and successfully completed the first phase of qualification. The first phase of the qualification included 46 shots at a target from various positions at various distances. After all had taken a turn the top two shooters were Recruit Drobnick and Recruit Kraeger scoring a 298 out of a possible 300 points. The second part of firearms qualification, which we have already practiced is the 100% accountability exam. In this qualification, 100% of the recruits' shots need to be in an area 3" x 18" in order to qualify on the handgun.

## The Picture Says It All:

Photographed By: Recruit Jentzsch

In one way or another, we all feared the day we would get sprayed with O.C., but after everything was said and done, we learned quite a lot about ourselves and what we can physically and mentally accomplish while feeling the effects of O.C. Spray



## Weekly Training Review...

By: Recruit Olson

The intensity of the Wisconsin Police Corps Training Program continued as week three kicked off with instruction in the importance of Ethics and Decision Making in law enforcement. Lieutenant Marcou from the La Crosse Police Department did an excellent job instilling in the recruits the importance of making ethical decisions not only for the

recruits as individuals, but also for the law enforcement community as a whole.

The week continued as the recruits faced the practical portion of DAAT. The intensity of the DAAT portion continued as recruits faced Sergeant Hefti of the Wisconsin State Patrol, who was outfitted in a Redman outfit for a real life scenario. Each recruit had their chance at resolving a conflict with the Redman. Following the

scenario the recruits had their chance to step back and review what they could have done better and what they did that was effective.

Drill and Ceremony continued as recruits and members of the National Guard Challenge Academy Cadre worked on the proper methods for marching and instructing physical training activities at the Challenge Academy.